

SENATE BILL 1162

By Black

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 1 and Title 40, Chapter 6, Part 2, relative to assaults committed against certain health care employees.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-101, is amended by renumbering subdivision (b)(2) as (b)(3) and by adding the following new (b)(2):

(2) Assault is a Class E felony if it is the person's second or subsequent offense and the victim of the assault is a health care professional or employee who, at the time of the assault, is acting in a health care capacity. A second or subsequent assault under this subdivision that is committed under subdivision (a)(3) is a Class A misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-6-205, is amended by deleting subdivision (b)(1) and substituting instead the following:

(1) The offense complained of is a felony, as defined in § 39-11-110, stalking, as defined in § 39-17-315, or a second or subsequent assault where the victim is a health care employee or professional, as defined in § 39-13-101.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-6-215, is amended by deleting subdivision (a)(2)(A) and substituting instead the following:

(A) The offense complained of is a felony, as defined in § 39-11-110, stalking, as defined in § 39-17-315, or a second or subsequent assault where the victim is a health care employee or professional, as defined in § 39-13-101.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.